

**WASHINGTON, DC** - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence issued the following statement today after the Department of Labor announced the loss of 36,000 jobs in the month of February:

**"The economic policies of President Obama and Speaker Pelosi have failed. It has been a year since Democrats in Washington said they would keep unemployment below 8 percent by passing a nearly \$800 billion stimulus bill. Yet today unemployment hovers around 10%, 36,000 jobs were lost last month and more than 7.5 million jobs have been lost since Democrats took control of Congress three years ago.**

**"Today's jobs report confirms once again that the so-called stimulus has failed. The American people know we cannot borrow, spend and bail our way back to a growing economy. It is time for the Democrat leaders to embrace a new direction for economic recovery-fiscal discipline in Washington and across the board tax relief for working families, small businesses and family farms."**